

TRUMAN FARM HOME EXPANSION ACT

SEPTEMBER 28, 2004.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. POMBO, from the Committee on Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 4579]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 4579) to modify the boundary of the Harry S Truman National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 4579 is to modify the boundary of the Harry S Truman National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The Harry S Truman National Historic Site, located in Independence, Missouri, was established on May 3, 1983. The Site was expanded in 1993 when the Truman Farm Home in Grandview, Missouri, was added. H.R. 4579 would add approximately five acres that abuts the Farm Home on its south side. Under this legislation, the Secretary of the Interior is directed to acquire such land by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, transfer from another federal agency, or any other means. The additional acreage would preserve the historic integrity of the site and prevent the growing need for development of nearby lands from encroaching onto the immediate home site. While no appraisal has yet been performed on the property, the estimated cost for the acquisition is between \$850,000 and \$950,000.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 4579 was introduced on June 15, 2004, by Congresswoman Karen McCarthy (DMO). The bill was then referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands. On July 15, 2004, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill. On September 15, 2004, the Full Resource Committee met to consider the bill. By unanimous consent, the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands was discharged from further consideration of the bill. No amendments were offered. The bill was then ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Article I, section 8 and Article IV, section 3 of the Constitution of the United States grant Congress the authority to enact this bill.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out this bill. However, clause 3(d)(3)(B) of that rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

2. Congressional Budget Act. As required by clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, this bill does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

3. General Performance Goals and Objectives. The bill does not authorize funds and therefore clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply.

4. Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate. Under clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for this bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

H.R. 4579—Truman Farm Home Expansion Act

H.R. 4579 would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire by donation, purchase, or other means about five acres of property adjacent to the Truman Farm Home (a part of the Harry S Truman National Historic Site) in Missouri. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that the NPS would spend \$2 million over the next three to five years to implement this

legislation. We expect that about one-half of that amount would be used to purchase two tracts of land, including an existing building that would be used as a new visitor center. The remaining \$1 million would be used to relocate visitor facilities to the new center, develop interpretive materials, and restore park areas that are currently used for visitor services. We estimate that managing the relocated visitor center would have no significant effect on the park's annual operating budget.

The legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

ACT OF MAY 23, 1983

(Public Law 98-32)

AN ACT To establish the Harry S Truman National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) * * **

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(d) ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire, by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, transfer from another Federal agency, or any other means, the land described in paragraph (2) for inclusion in the Harry S Truman National Historic Site.

(2) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in paragraph (1) consists of the approximately 5 acres of land (including the structure located south of the Truman Farm Home site), as generally depicted on the map entitled “Harry S Truman National Historic Site Proposed Boundary”, numbered 492/80,027, and dated April 17, 2003.

(3) BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.—On acquisition of the land under this subsection, the Secretary shall modify the boundary of the Harry S Truman National Historic Site to reflect the acquisition of the land.

[(d)] (e) The Secretary is authorized and directed to provide appropriate political subdivisions of the State of Missouri with technical and planning assistance for the development and implementation of plans, programs, regulations, or other means for minimizing the adverse effects on the Truman Farm House of the development and use of adjacent lands.

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